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SUBJECT: SOVIET-AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM ON BIOCHEMISTRY OF
SPORTS IN LENINGRAD

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1. DEPT HAS ATTEMPTED TO QUERY SOME NAMES ON LIST INVITEES.
ABOUT HALF ARE NOT AT INSTITUTIONS NAMED BECAUSE OF DUTIES
ELSEWHERE, LEAVE, RETIREMENT, OR ARE UNKNOWN.

2. GENERAL REACTION IS FOLLOWING:

A. INT'L. SPORTS MEDICINE CONFERENCE HELD IN SWITZER-
LAND LAST SEPTEMBER. ANY CONFERENCE THIS YEAR WOULD BE
SUPERFLUOUS, SINCE NOT ENOUGH NEW RESEARCH TO REPORT.

B. SOVIETS WAITED UNTIL LAST MOMENT BEFORE SENDING
INVITATIONS, LEADING SOME AMERICAN INVITEES WITH FEELING
THEY WEREN'T ESPECIALLY SERIOUS.

C. SOME INVITEES WILL BE UNABLE COVER COSTS TRAVEL
THEMSELVES WITHOUT UNIVERSITY OR OTHER SUPPORT.

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3. SEVERAL PROFESSORS EXPRESSED INTEREST IF CONFERENCE HELD

IN 1975.

4. NO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE EXISTS AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED. INVITATIONS SENT ON INITIATIVE OF PROF. YAKALOV TO INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS. RUSH

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